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National News

by Robert N. Taylor

Congress continues to feed at public trough

The recent 103rd Congress, in the tradition of previous Congresses, approved billions of dollars in unnecessary and wasteful government programs, says The National Center for Public Policy Research. According to the group, Congress approved an estimated \$186 billion in pork-barrel programs in 1994 alone. Among the most outlandish expenditures approved during the two years of the 103rd Congress were \$11.5 million to modernize a power plant at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, which is slated to be closed down; \$1.1 million for a plant streets lab at Texas Tech University; \$58 million to bail out a ship building company owned by George Steinbrenner, millionaire owner of the New York Yankees.

—WASHINGTON, DC

Chance of being murdered by a stranger up

In 1993, there were 24,530 murders in the U.S. The murder rate (killings per 100,000 residents) has decreased from its peak in 1980, but randomness of murders has increased and most murder victims today do not know their killers. In 1993, statistics show that 53 percent of all murders were attributed to strangers or unknown assailants. Because of the rise in stranger-on-stranger murders, the FBI has concluded, "Every American now has a chance of murder victimization in view of the random nature the crime has assumed." But, statistics show that most Americans have a very low chance of being killed. Americans who are black, young, male and live in extremely poor areas have a very high chance of being killed. Police attribute the trend to the trade in illegal drugs, the growth of urban gangs and the younger ages of gang members; a general loosening of social strictures against aggressive behavior; the proliferation of weapons and the greater firepower of guns now on the streets.

—WASHINGTON, DC

Urban populations growing around world, stagnates at home

The United Nations reports that Tokyo currently is the largest city in the world with a population of 26.5 million, which is more than one and a half times the size of the second largest city, New York City, which has 16.3 million people. Forty-five percent of the world's population now live in cities. In 1994, 2.5 billion persons lived in urban areas, with 1.7 billion in less developed regions. The world's urban population is growing at a rate of 2.5 percent yearly, whereas the rural population's growth rate is only 0.8 percent. The U.N. world census takers reported that one third of black Afri-

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NJSBA opposes urban mayor's line-item veto proposal

TRENTON—The New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) has cautioned Governor Whitman about the negative consequences of a proposal by New York City, which has given them line-item veto power over school budgets.

Urban mayors initiated the line-item veto as part of an eight-point plan in which the mayors believe will enable them to "evenly" reduce property taxes and be represented on elected school board.

"We hope Governor Whitman will see the lack of wisdom in placing the enormous power of a line-item veto in the hands of an official who does not have the necessary knowledge of educational budgeting or programming," said NJSBA Executive Director Dr. Robert E. Boose.

"School budgets are already subject to more scrutiny than any other local government budget," he continued. "Like municipal budgets, school budgets are controlled by a state-imposed cap, plus they go through additional levels of review. Moreover, the municipality already plays a major role in

by Sandra Wright

According to a federal prosecutor on the case against Newark Councilman At-Large Gary Harris and former Councilman Ralph Grant the government's arguments will focus on "greed, money and the abuse of power."

In his opening statement Larry Stephen, head of the special prosecutions division in the U.S. Attorney's Office asked the jury not to confuse the proceedings with a more famous criminal case going on in California, the murder trial of O.J. Simpson.

"There's no DNA, no bloody socks, no barking dog, no cameras or lights, and no Hollywood here," he said. "This is Newark and we're going to try this case the old fashioned way."

Stephen told the seven-woman, five-man jury that if they "follow the money," they will reach no other conclusion than that Grant and Harris are guilty of the crimes for which they have been indicted.

He described Grant and Harris as corrupt public figures operating in a tainted political system.



Councilman Gary Harris

"This case is about greed, money, and the abuse of power," he said. "It's that simple. All the rest is window dressing."

Both defendants, who have served as city council president in their careers, are charged with accepting thousands of dollars in illegal payoffs in 1992 and 1993 to help a towing company obtain lucrative contracts. The towing company was later involved in

an FBI sting operation.

The prosecution's major witnesses in the case are Jack Barry, a pseudonym used by an FBI undercover agent posing as a financier; Robert Cottle, a former city policeman and Essex County Jail warden; Frank Megaro, a former city councilman and state assemblyman; and Charles Geyer, a city businessman.

According to Stephen, Barry and Geyer secretly recorded conversations during the investigation, and those tapes are expected to play a significant role in the government's case. Cottle and Megaro have each pleaded guilty to a federal corruption charge and will be sentenced after testifying.

The prosecution reported that Geyer went to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the early 1990s with allegations of white-collar crime in Newark after an unnamed city official expressed a desire for a piece of his local business. The result of those meetings were the investigations of Grant and Harris and other unspecified probes, Stephen stated.

The prosecutor's theory of the case is that Harris did everything he could to get Cottle and Geyer's company, K&K Towing of Hillside, to work for the city over a period of a

couple of years but expected payments and an interest in the business in return.

"To open up Newark's towing business to another contractor, Harris, as president of the council's towing committee, labored long and hard to change the city's towing system,



Former Newark Councilman Ralph Grant

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Prosecution: Grant and Harris acted out of 'greed, and abuse of power..'

Black law students speak out against Lawrence

Compiled by Sherry Burris

On February 2, the Association of Black Law Students (ABLS), called an emergency meeting to discuss what position they should take regarding a statement made by Dr. Francis Lawrence, president of Rutgers, the State University. Lawrence said in comment that African Americans did not score high on SATs because of their genetic hereditary background.

They discussed the issue of his resignation, and voted. A large majority voted that ABLS should call for his immediate resignation. The following are comments made by ABLS at the Board of Governors meeting which was held February 10.

Marissa Cunningham, chairperson of the ABLS, says that an apology will not do because the statement's racial implications have heavily impacted African Americans. "The remark made by Dr. Lawrence embroiled the notion of racial superiority. This notion is a transgression, psychological impact detrimental to the self-esteem and the academic development of our youth. An apology cannot and will not undo the harm. With that in mind the Association of Black Law Students calls for his resignation."

An unidentified ABLS member stated that Dr. Lawrence's statement was a breach of contract with the university and students. "Quite simply, the president has breached his duty to lead because the notion that blacks are genetically inferior cannot be the values

and ideals espoused by this institution. As African-American students we know all too well that the historical facts have always been heavily weighted against African Americans, we have paid a heavy price, a heavy price indeed to civilize our neighbors. Therefore, we are compelled by duty to revolt, to disrupt the day to day activities of this institution until we receive remedy for our damages."

Enrollment was a main concern of ABLS, as Anthony Marlin states that Lawrence's remarks have changed the outlook of the institution.

"...Dr. Lawrence's remarks have transformed Rutgers University from a pleasurable, collegial learning center into a hostile setting which is the focus of a national controversy. In fact, as a result of Dr. Lawrence's remarks, our basketball game against nationally ranked University of Massachusetts, was interrupted and ultimately suspended. Such disruptions can in any way enhance the educational value provided to our students."

Marlin continued, "Moreover, it is clear that Dr. Lawrence's remarks will have a negative impact on the number of applica-

tions the University receives for full admissions. Potential applicants will usually opt for a pleasurable, collegial learning center, like Rutgers used to be, before setting for an uncomfortable setting, like Rutgers has become."

Marlin added that Lawrence has been tried and convicted adding to the notion that he must ultimately resign. "As law students, at one of the finest law schools in America, we are trained to listen attentively and to weigh the credibility of a witness. During the

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Evers-Williams vows change for NAACP

NEW YORK—There's a new sheriff in the NAACP town and if she stands by her promises she will be the no nonsense leader the troubled NAACP needs to lead them back home. Sixty one year old Myrtle Evers-Williams, the wife of the slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, was elected as the new chairwoman of NAACP in what seemed to be

an easy victory. According to Roy Williams, vice chairman of the special contributions fund, since her election donations totaling over \$60,000 have been received. One of Evers-Williams main tasks is to get together activists and lawyers to help rectify the \$3 million deficit the organization is in. In addition a news letter

from the chairwoman is in the works to keep members abreast.

Evers-Williams was a sure win over the then former chairman, William Gibson, when 700 angry members, led by 90 year old activist Enola McMillian took a treasure's report where the budget was false, showing no confidence in Gibson's leadership.

COMMENTARY

GOP leadership fails NAACP report card

by Julian Bond

Report card give Mom and Dad a chance to measure how well their children are doing in school. All "A's" are great, but most kids don't do that well all of the time. When they slip into the "B" and "D" range, Dad and Mom have a right to be worried.

But if the children are not children, but the men and women who will guide the national legislature for the next two years, and they consistently get "F's" in subjects you need to have them get "A's". In you have to be more than worried—about your future, and the future of your children.

You ought to be terrified that these failures are now in powerful position to make your life less successful, your future less hopeful, and your children's chance dimmer. The newly inaugurated Republican leadership of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives fails a "Legislative Report Card" compiled by the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The "test" was how they voted in 1993 and 1994 on 16 issues the NAACP thought were important to African-Americans nationwide. With 100 as a perfect score, the

new Senate leadership ranged from a high of 70 percent to a low of 10 percent. New Senate Majority leader Bob Dole of Kansas scored 30 percent. The average score for new Senate Chairs is 36 percent.

At the Armed Services Committee, Georgia's Sam Nunn, who scored 50 percent, will be replaced by South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, who scored 40 percent. New York's Alfonse D'Amato, at 60 percent, will replace Michigan's Dan Rostenburg, a 90 percent scorer. Thirty per cent New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici will replace Tennessee's Jim Sasser, who scored 90 percent. Democrat Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island scored 80 percent; his replacement, a 20 percent scorer, North Carolina's Jesse Helms. Delaware's Joseph Biden scored 80 percent; his replacement is 10 percent scorer Orrin Hatch of Utah. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas at 30 percent will replace Massachusetts' Edward Kennedy, who received an 80 percent score.

Among new House committee Chairs, scores range from 70 percent to 0 percent. The average score for new House Chairs is 21 percent. Substituting New York Congressman Benjamin Gilman, the new Chair of the International Relations Committee who

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Ron Brown under investigation

WASHINGTON, DC—Attorney General Janet Reno has reported that the Justice Department has opened a preliminary criminal investigation of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's personal financial dealings. It is believed that the department has found specific and credible allegations that Brown may have committed a federal felony.

Preliminary investigations began on Wednesday, February 15 and the department has been granted 90 days to decide whether there is enough evidence to ask a special court to conduct a full criminal investigation.

The special court acting under the independent counsel law, authorized Reno to announce the move and said only that the investigation covered "allegations that have been widely reported by the news media."

According to White House press secretary Mike McCurry, "the attorney general did what attorney generals have to do."

Brown is the second Cabinet secretary now undergoing such preliminary investigations. The department is also looking into whether there is enough evidence to seek appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros for payments to a former mistress.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
NEWARK—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in the Newark Public Library from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 201-733-7793.

WESTFIELD—Black United Fund of New Jersey: Union County board volunteer recruitment drive at 6:30 p.m. in the Westfield Community Center. For more info call John Dawson at 908-699-2940.

MONTCLAIR—"White Liberals and the Politics of Race" lecture by State Senator Gordon MacInnes at Montclair State University at 11 a.m. For more info call Dr. Bill Berlin at 201-655-7576.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
ELIZABETH—"Home Share Program" networking meeting by Community Action Unlimited at 40 West Grand St. from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-354-3040.

TUNE IN (NJN)—Core Curriculum Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. will broadcast live on NJN, featuring an open panel discussion on the value of creating core curriculum standards in NJ schools.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 23
JERSEY CITY—"How to Achieve Discipline: A New Workshop for Parents and Educators" will take place at Hudson County Community College. For more info call 201-714-2167.

FEBRUARY 23 - 28
MONTCLAIR—Danceworks '94, will be at Montclair State University at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. matinee (23-25). For more info call 201-655-4353.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 24
EAST ORANGE—YMCA will offer free swim lessons for youth ages 5-15. Beginner class from 9 a.m. to noon, Advanced class from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is first come first serve basis. For more info contact Leo Rouse at 201-473-6588.

EAST ORANGE—The YMCA pool will be open for two swim from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is first come first serve basis. For more info contact Leo Rouse at 201-473-6588.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
NEWARK—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in the Newark Public Library from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-733-7793.

CRANFORD—Freelance Seminar given by noted authors and writers at Union County at 908-233-9147.

NEWARK—Metro/Essex County Board of Lupus Foundation monthly meeting at United Hospitals at 11 a.m.

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For more info call 201-791-7868.

JERSEY CITY—Certified Trauma Counselor courses at Jersey City State College at 9 a.m. For more info call 201-300-3089.

FEBRUARY 25 THRU MARCH 5
SOMERSET—The NJ Flower and Garden Show will take place at the Garden State Exhibit Center. For more info call 908-919-7660. For tickets call 908-925-4864.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
NEW YORK—Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Avery Fisher Hall at 3 p.m. For more info call 212-721-6500.

WAYNE—Saxophonist Michael Brecker makes guest appearance with William Paterson College's Jazz Ensemble at 4 p.m. at WPCI. For more info call 201-585-2171.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 26
MAHWAH—Specialty priced programs offered at the Campgown Mountain Ski Area (Prices range from \$2 to \$75). For more info call 201-327-7800.

EWING TOWNSHIP—Trenton State College will be hosting a major African-American art exhibition entitled "Free Within Ourselves: African-American Art from the Museum's Collection." For more info call 908-771-2368.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
WESTFIELD—There will be a Harry Potter for child-care providers at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more info call 908-654-9854.

JERSEY CITY—"Thematic Units in the Whole Language Classroom" workshop for teachers in the Academic Building, room 203 at Jersey City State College from 4 to 6 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3094.

HACKENSACK—Technology and the Trades two-week course at Bergen County Technical Schools. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 3346 or 2293.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH 27
PLAINFIELD—Managerial and professional women are invited to attend the "Women in Management" sessions which are from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info call 908-756-3636.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 28
ROSELLE—Ice skating in Warranaco Park. Also family sessions are available. For more info call 908-298-7850.

JERSEY CITY—"How to Finance Your College or Graduate Education" program at 1 p.m. Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-200-3189.



Benjamin S. Ruffin, vice president of Corporate Affairs at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., greets former Agricultural Secretary Mike Espy at the Nation Newspapers Publishers Association's mid-winter meeting. Espy was keynote speaker at a luncheon sponsored by R.J. Reynolds. Ernie Pitt, publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle and chairman of Amalgamated Publishers Inc., looks on.



Anheuser-Busch executives John E. Jacob, executive vice president and chief officer (l), and Wayman F. Smith III, corporate affairs vice president (far right), hosted The Honorable Zubair Kazzure, Nigeria's ambassador to the U.S., at the company's Busch Gardens Park during the ambassador's visit to Tampa, Florida. Solomon Gavin, a resident artist at the park whose biographical paintings are receiving broad acclaim, presented his self-portrait in watercolor to the Nigerian official. Anheuser-Busch has commissioned Gavin to create a series of paintings and limited edition lithographs with proceeds from sales targeted for charitable purposes.

*It may be the end of February,
but black history continues
indefinitely.
Never stop celebrating!*

COPING

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

I hate nice people

Dear Dr. Faulkner,

I hate nice people. They get on my darn nerves. They are always going around acting like wimps, saying "May I," "Thank you," "Please this" and "Please that." It makes me want to throw up.

Nice people finish last because everybody just pushes them around. I like tough people who can take care of themselves. If a person smiles at me, I think that person is a sissy, or is trying to get over on me. I frown at them. That goes for both men and women. Men are supposed to push people around, not smile at them. A woman is supposed to do everything that a man tells her to do, or he ought to make her do it. And he should not smile when he tells her to do something. So don't be telling people to smile and be nice. Nice people don't do anything.

Mr. S., New York City.

Dear Mr. S.,

The unfortunate thing is that to some extent you are correct. There are people who intimidate others by being nasty to them. Sometimes a person who is pushed around by other people looks for someone whom he can push around. It is sort of like the man who has an argument with his boss, then goes home and kicks his dog, or argues with his wife.

I know three people, personally, who are hated by everyone who knows them. Yet they hold top political or administrative positions simply because the people who hate them also fear them. They support these evil people out of fear of what will happen to them, if they do not support them.

Where your theory goes wrong, is your belief that nice people are wimps or are weak. The truth is that many experienced professionals are nice people simply because they do not feel threatened by others. They have a deep and resounding confidence in themselves and nothing that anyone can say will anger them.

You can call them "stupid," but they know that they are intelligent, so your statement would not affect them. They will continue to smile, no matter what you say about them. You might see them smile and mistakenly think that they are weak, but they are quite strong and confident.

Professional boxers are frequently challenged by people on the streets, but they seldom retaliate. They are usually quite confident in their ability, so they have no need to push people around just to convince themselves and others how tough they are.

They are self-confident. And that is the point. Some people have to push other people around in order to convince themselves that they are average individuals. The fact that they try to "act like tough guys" simply proves that they lack confidence in themselves. It is similar to the bully who always beats up the little guys to confirm that he is somebody! However, since he has a negative feeling about himself, beating one person up, or two or ten will never give him complete, permanent confidence in himself. He must push people around for the rest of his life. This is the real weak person. People think that he is strong because he talks tough, but he is actually quite weak. When someone his own size challenges him, he backs down.

Most successful people, in athletics, business or other areas give a smile of happiness, success and confidence. So-called "tough guys" hide their weakness, unhappiness, and lack of confidence behind their phony frown. The wise person, will spend their lives around smiling, content people who interact that smile into their lives.

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Broadway & East 33rd St.

ELIZABETH

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Elmora Ave. & West Grand St. at Dunkin Donuts
Rahway Ave. at Dunkin Donuts
Broad St. & Rahway Ave. at Essex Library
Rahway Ave. at Bus Stop
Rahway Ave. & E. Town Plaza
Elizabeth Ave. at Foodtown
Broad St. & Rahway Ave. at Court House
Broad St. & Dickinson at McDonald's
Broad St. & West Jersey St. at Bus Stop
North Broad St. & West Grand at The Bus Stop
North Broad St. at Post Office

IRVINGTON

Springfield Ave. at Bus Depot
Springfield Ave. New St. at Bus Stop
Springfield Ave. & Civic Square at Post Office
Civic Square at City Hall

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE

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by Robert N. Taylor

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cans and Asians live in urban areas, whereas seven out of every 10 residents in Europe, Northern America, Latin America and Oceania also live in urban settings. Projections are that by the end of 1995, Tokyo will still be the largest city with 26.7 million people. Bombay, India will be second with 27.4 million followed by Lagos, Nigeria, with 24.4 million. New York and Los Angeles will fall from among the top 10.

WASHINGTON, DC

Recent recession caused longer job searches and lower incomes

According to the Census Bureau, between 1980 and 1992, men between the ages of 25 and 54 who left full-time jobs and then found full-time employment experienced average earnings declines of 20 percent, from \$529 a week in their old job to \$423 in their new positions. The report notes that the economy's inability to create jobs was part of the reason behind the falling incomes. Between 1989 and 1992, median household income in the U.S. fell by six percent in real terms. The average amount of time a worker spent seeking employment was not unemployed, increased to 2.4 months in the 1990-92 period. Of whites, 41 percent experienced income drops while 36 percent enlarged their incomes in the 1990-92 period. For African Americans, the comparable percentages were 43 and 35.

—WASHINGTON, DC

Black readers say: 'creating employment' is best self-help for blacks

According to the National Newspaper Publishers Association's "Your True Voice" Poll, the first choice for black readers for their own self-help is to create employment in their own areas (32 percent). Buying black was second choice for self-help with 31 percent of respondents. Saving with blacks was listed as the top process by 29 percent of respondents. And, electing black American officials to government offices was listed by 26 percent of readers of black newspapers. Free copies of the poll are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Poll NNPA, 32000 131st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010.—WASHINGTON, DC

Full employment for all, is it possible?

WASHINGTON, DC—The Rainbow Coalition has submitted a comprehensive program to ensure full employment for everyone who wants to work. "Full employment is both an ethical imperative and the key to economic justice and prosperity," the quote and the following ideas below were taken from the book *Jobs for All*, written by Sheila D. Collins, Helen Lachs Ginsburg and Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg.

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The book stated that "in itself, full employment will not deal completely with the problems facing different groups, but we believe it is the necessary precondition for reducing the barriers to their resolution... There is no reason inherent in the real econ-

omies available to us why we cannot move—and rapidly—within two or three years to a situation of genuine full employment, estimated, to be about 1.5 percent unemployment.

The women further developed a plan and policies which are oriented around 11 principles which are:

- (1) jobs for all
- (2) adequate income for all
- (3) rights of workers
- (4) community investment, preservation and support
- (5) military conversion
- (6) environmental preservation, and sustainability
- (7) fair trade and economically viable local production for local consumption
- (8) democratic planning and industrial policy
- (9) rebuilding the nation's cities
- (10) sound government finance
- (11) lifelong learning

"The start of a 'silent depression' (began) in 1973, when the rate of growth of two key indicators of economic well-being, the real in-

come of the average worker and the real median family income, began to decline. By 1990, the real income of the average worker was 19.1 percent below the level of 1973.

"In a study of employment policy since World War II... one reason (cited) for the lack of constituent support for full employment (is) the government's orientation toward providing programs for the relief of the temporarily unemployed rather than a comprehensive commitment to meeting the economic needs of the entire nation... The lack of a full employment policy, robbed other proposals of a coherence and overarching purpose. By demonstrating that full employment is tied to the solutions of other problems—such as the budget deficit, poverty, homelessness, crime, family stress, decaying infrastructure and environmental degradation—that is, by making it do more than just give jobs to the jobless, we increase its potential constituency.

"It is important to prioritize...

legislative strategy that would move us toward full employment.

- (1) the introduction of an omnibus Full Employment and Economic Justice bill, (which) would lend credibility to the ideas articulated in *Jobs for All*, as well as give new visibility to the goal of full employment
- (2) seek support for a permanent, standby job creation program
- (3) (appoint) a high-level government Commission to Study and Propose Solutions to the problem of Unemployment and Underemploy-

- ment
- (4) to increase public awareness of the true magnitude of joblessness... support a new, expanded measure of unemployment
- (5) recognizing that in a globally interdependent economy it would be difficult, if not impossible, to create full employment in one nation, and that a global "New Deal" is needed. A final, albeit long-range, initiative would be to call for a global employment summit, perhaps under the auspices of the United Nations.

Crump blasts state plans to close institutions

NEWARK—At-large Councilwoman Mildred C. Crump recently lashed out at state plans which would, over a three-year period, phase out two major state institutions that deal with psychiatric patients and the retarded. She is calling for a "public hearing of policymakers," starting with the N.J. Commissioner of Human Services William Waldman, and says she will invite "parents and others who are adversely affected by the insensitivity of this legislation in order to give them a public forum through which to express their feelings."

Even since the public was informed of the reductions, through N.J. Governor Christie Whitman's post State of the Union Remarks, the Councilwoman has received numerous calls from parents of patients in these types of institutions. "They are disgusted. They are scared. They are angry," she stated, reflecting the tone of the calls received. "I am very much concerned, because I can see that the number of beds being removed are not reflected in hard numbers in the plan to redirect the patients. I want to get the policymakers in here to ask some hard questions revolving around where these patients will go, how they will be transported, how their basic care needs will be handled."

Crump cited the typical example of a senior citizen-aged parent having to provide for a retarded adult, when they themselves, can barely make it on their income or make it around physically. "Outreach services will

leave many people out there to fend for themselves, swelling the ranks of the homeless in this city and beyond. If we think we have a homeless problem now, we should wait and see what will happen once this move is made. Historically, every time we have dumped people out of institutions without concrete plans, there has been a corresponding rise in social service problems across the board."

A concrete example, she says, is a Newark resident, Mrs. Pearl Williams who has two adult children in institutions. They both are profoundly handicapped... they don't walk or talk and need high tech equipment to communicate and to be fed.

Her mother, a senior citizen herself, is livid because she doesn't know what to expect for her sons... And, nobody seems to have any answers for her or the countless others who will face serious dilemmas because of these proposals. There are also those who do not have any family support. Where should they go?"

The Councilwoman also stated her reservations in having individuals who are far removed from the realities of everyday life on the streets of New Jersey... Making policy decisions in a vacuum. "We need to come up with a proactive approach to changing policy. Divesting critical need institutions should not be our government's way of reducing the budget, and we should not make scapegoats out of the state's individuals."

Bill approved for mandatory plastic recycling

TRENTON—A Legislation that would require municipalities to recycle plastic beverage containers was approved recently by the Assembly Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee.

The bill (A-564), sponsored by Assemblyman Harry McEnroe, (D-Essex) would mandate source separation of plastics used in liter-size soda bottles as well as harder, denser plastic used for gallon-size milk containers.

"More than eight-percent of our landfill space is occupied with discarded plastics," said McEnroe. "Since it takes centuries for these materials to break down, it's imperative that we take steps to their disposal."

McEnroe explained that there now is demand in the plastic recycling market for polyethylene terephthalate (PET), high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and other plastics.

"Over the past few years, the plastics recycling industry has evolved," added McEnroe. "A boost to their industry would be advantageous to New Jersey in the wake of our sluggish economy. This bill will create new companies and jobs."

Under McEnroe's bill, each municipality would be required to provide for the recycling of PET and HDPE containers. These plastics would be included as mandatory separation materials in addition to materials that municipalities already collect for recycling.

"Residents of New Jersey already recycle aggressively and would not be inconvenienced by additional materials," said McEnroe. "Jerseyjans have

accepted responsibility for the environment and are willing to do more."

The Department of Environmental Protection and Energy would be required to submit annual reports

analyzing the effectiveness of this program and the commitment made by beverage container manufacturers on the success of the recycling project

Grant and Harris

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Stephen said.

"Where once the city was divided into four towing zones based on police lines, Harris attempted to have it divided into five zones, along political and race, and counted the new zone for K&K," he added.

But K&K had difficulty "getting its act together" and meeting all the requirements of becoming a certified towing business, while there was also opposition to the plan of Harris to alter the towing guidelines, Stephen said.

It is alleged that Harris accepted \$3,000 from Geyer, who was Cottle's silent partner in K&K, in April 1992 at a city restaurant, and later had \$12,000 delivered to him by Mega-

in City Hall.

Stephen further stated that Harris received another \$2,500 in cash from Barry at a picnic in Union in September 1992.

The prosecutor acknowledged that Harris retained that money, alleging the councilman feared he may have been detected, but stated that less than a week later Harris took another \$3,500.

Stephen portrayed Grant as a supporter of K&K who primarily worked behind-the-scenes.

The prosecutor stated that Grant was no less shy in accepting payoffs. He charged that Grant took \$5,000 from Geyer at the Vista Hotel in

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Union County submits 1995 budget

Union County Manager Ann M. Baran has introduced her 1995 Executive Budget for 1995 adoption by the nine member Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders as required by state law.

The County manager and members of the board discussed details of the \$771.5 million dollar budget and recommendations to close a \$7 million budget gap.

According to Linda Di Giovanni, Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, "this budget is balanced with a tax levy of 3.3 percent, the lowest in over 15 years, and is only 2.8 percent higher than last year's adopted budget. The budget is our plan to make government more responsive to the citizens we serve who are our customers. Citizens want government to provide services in an efficient, cost effective way."

Indicating that the county no longer strongly relies on residential prop-

erty taxes to balance the budget Baran noted, "in 1990 property taxes accounted for 67 percent of budget revenues, this year only 56 percent of revenues come from property taxes."

In addition to describing all of the county's economic development and transportation initiatives, the county manager's executive budget offers several recommendations to balance the 1995 budget and reduce reliance on property taxes.

Recommendations include, measures to increase revenues from sources other than tax dollars; reduce expenditures and increase employee incentives to practice economy in an ongoing manner; and increase savings and the county's fund balance or surplus.

To increase revenues the county has sought to create new revenue sources such as grants, collect retroactive medical payments, and mechanisms to increase existing revenue sources.

G.D. Jackson, North American director for the South African Tourism Board.

"In response, several tour operators have developed escorted programs, where visitors are welcomed and guided by members of the community, to experience and participate in their every day life."

Tours will include visits to Cape Town, Durban, Soweto and other cities allowing visitors to experience the rich and vast lifestyles of the South African people.

South Africa offers community and township tours

NEW YORK—This year more travelers to South Africa will have a unique, first-hand opportunity to experience authentic community and township life by participating in a selection of tours offered by the South African Tourism Board.

"Our research shows that in addition to the variety of leisure options South Africa offers such as wildlife and game reserves, cosmopolitan cities, and the Cape Winelands, many travelers are interested in seeing our communities and meeting the people in a more personal way," said Michael

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mayor's statement an insult

In a recent article in a daily newspaper, the mayor of Plainfield was quoted as saying that "They residents of Plainfield want something for nothing."

It's too bad that the mayor is saying this about the residents of Plainfield. First of all, during the campaign, each candidate was asked about how he or she felt about being a full-time mayor with a full-time salary. To the person, each stated, including Mayor Fury, that he or she was willing to serve under the conditions of a part-time mayor with the \$10,000 salary.

Although many residents support the idea of a full-time mayor, it's not because they believe they're getting something for nothing. If anything, the residents are giving the Fury administration the benefit of the doubt in spite of high taxes and a declining tax base, by accepting this lack city services and leadership because they do not have a full-time mayor.

Salary raises should not be considered automatic. They should be based on some type of performance. We suggest that the mayor, council and department heads share with the citizens of Plainfield why they believe they deserve a raise.

At a time when the national government, state government and others are talking about tax cuts, citizens are strapped with high taxes, and corporations continue to downsize, it is absolutely insane for the mayor and council to insult the citizens of Plainfield with these increases. Total arrogance is all that can be said. To add insult to injury the mayor has the nerve to say the citizens of Plainfield want something for nothing. We believe the citizens are getting fed up with going too long getting nothing, for high taxes and lack of services.

Letters to the editor

The hearing of the New Congress

Dear Editor,

When I received notice over the Internet that the House Budget Committee was holding four meetings around the country to get input from voters on what should be cut to balance the budget, I was intrigued.

I am an activist who is terribly concerned about the lack of humanity in the "Contract with America." I had seen no publicity about these meetings, which are being held in Columbia, South Carolina, Billings, Montana, Prescott, Arizona and Manville, New Jersey in any mainstream publication. How was the public to know about a meeting if no one told me? I chose to go to Manville, Saturday, February 11.

I telephoned Representative Ingalls' office. He spoke as organizer by Internet a few days before the meeting to apply to be listed and I was told by Doug Garrett, special programs analyst for the House Budget Committee that I must limit my comments to what I believe can be cut, and that I would be stopped if I addressed the budget in any other way. Sign-ups would be at the door.

My colleague and I arrived two hours early and were told that 20 speakers would be chosen from the applications received. We were also told we were not allowed to bring puppets into the auditorium. This rule was reversed later in the morning but when I asked if I could go with my puppets which I had left in my car, I was told by a policeman that I would not be allowed back into the room. (Continued on page 10)

Censorship of our heritage

Dear Editor,

On November 9, 1994, a request was made to have a Black History Month program at Northern State Prison in the lobby area of the facility. We requested to invite a number of dignitaries, speakers, and guests for this function and to display ethnic materials and literature. Our request was denied on November 17 by Mr. James Barbo (Administrator) declaring a program of this sort has no precedence in the institution and that it is not policy to have such a program.

Throughout the nation, the month of February is recognized as Black History Month in order to promote positive awareness of African American people in the development of this country. Northern State Prison consists of approximately 90 percent black officers and this program would definitely serve as a morale booster for the officers. It would also be beneficial to people of other cultures employed at N.S.P. in learning and understanding African American culture in a positive light.

The theme of this program, "African American History in the development of the Correctional System," would be more than appropriate as it relates to our profession. In addition, the presentation on this subject would be presented by Dr. Lenworth Guthrie (Columbia University graduate, awarded four degrees: B.A., Masters of Philosophy, and Ph.D. in Afro-American, West Africa and Russian studies) who is more than qualified to speak appropriately on this subject.

It would be beneficial to all of us to have such a program to build morale, understanding, and to assist in the relations of all nationalities relative to African-American people. In addition, there has been forums presented at Northern State Prison lobby in the past that have served less purpose.

We are reaching out to the public to express concerns to our Administrator (Mr. James Barbo) and our Commissioner (Mr. William Fauver). Far too often the issues of blacks in this society are pushed to the side and we are told to be silent in our struggles. If we continue to be silent we will never shelter ourselves against racism. The officers at Northern State Prison are in a small battle and we are seeking assistance from anyone who can help.

Eddie Walden
PBA representative

by Connie Woodruff

These are definitely not good times for elected Democrats in Essex County. So many are on the hot seat it's like watching a daily soap opera. But what's happening is for real, adding to the stress of politicians and anxious moments for spectators waiting for the next installment.

Last week six new Newark employees appeared before a federal grand jury investigating the city's business dealings. They included Ade Afolabi, supervising planner of land development for the planning department; Deborah Bryant, senior planning aide for the board; Marshall Cooper, director of the department of neighborhood services; Karen Hillard, department of development; Cynthia James, manager, office of boards and Philip LaVecchia, an aide to Mayor Sharpe James.

The trial of Councilman Gar Harris and former Councilman Ralph Grant continued in federal court with opening statements by Thomas Ashley, Harris' attorney and Clarence Paines III, representing Grant.

In a different kind of political twist, Mayor Sharpe James rejected

the proposal giving urban mayors power to veto a five-item veto over local school budgets.

Needless to say this has angered mayors like Cardell Cooper of East Orange and Doug Palmer of Trenton who are having as much trouble as Newark in finding a financier to education budget that threatens to cause property taxes another notch due to a cutback in state dollars for schools.

Insiders say privately, with property revaluations on the horizon for Newark, city fathers need to be about the business of saving taxpayers' money anywhere it can be found.

If Robert Braun's latest report on the status of the Newark school system is more factual than fictional, every student, teacher and parent has a right to be alarmed.

There are also good reasons why Education Commissioner Leo (Klagowitz) and Governor Whitman must stop playing a cat and mouse game with a state takeover of the system.

Here is what Braun reported: "In 20 of 38 middle schools, not one student passed the state's 8th grade test. Only 2.8 percent of the city's 3,000 8th graders scored well

enough to be considered 'clearly competent.' Only 25 percent of 11th graders passed the High School Proficiency test. The average SAT score of a Newark high school senior was 674, compared to an 892 state average."

It's no wonder Rutgers University President Lawrence had genetic inferiority on his mind although the conventional wisdom is that teachers are not doing their job adequately.

Then there's the matter of how (elected) board of education members enjoy the good life winning and dining themselves and traveling to exotic climes while teachers and students end up doing the most basic tools in the learning process.

It is reported that three board members traveled to Hawaii at public expense as well as attended conferences in resort places like Florida, New Orleans and several California cities.

And unlike most of the people who pay their bills, board members have running accounts at 32 assorted restaurants where they run up tabs for hundreds of dollars without a backward glance. Like the member who had a bill for 10 people at \$70 per plate and another entertained five at dinner at a cost of \$90 per plate.

Most disturbing to many taxpayers and parents is the allegation that Newark board members as well as key district employees have given jobs to their relatives, although a law exists forbidding local school officials from hiring relatives.

According to Newark Board, Newark schools' superintendent Eugene Campbell has 10 relatives on the school payroll—his wife, two daughters, a son, a sister, a brother, a brother-in-law, a daughter-in-law and two nieces. And accounts allegedly indicate each board member has at least one relative on the payroll.

Bessie Walker has six relatives working for the schools: Evelyn Williams has four; Charles Bell, Kim Thompson-Gaddy and Tina Cruz each have three.

Dan Cutmore, the district's chief of staff's wife, cousin, and two of his wife's cousins are on the school payroll along with two relatives of Gene Foti, an assistant superintendent and two relatives of Bill Belot, another assistant super.

And oh yes, while kids are scrambling around for paper and pencils to do their work in school, board of

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Unified black voice desperately needed

by Julian K. Robinson

The observation of Black History Month stimulates my recollection of the decade of the sixties in America where there existed, at the national level, a seemingly unified black voice which made itself heard often, forcefully and effectively in the halls of governmental power.

It was the collective voice of representatives of the NAACP, National Urban League, National Council of Negro Women, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and the Congress of Racial Equality. And it gave rich meaning, direction, life and vibrancy to the historic Civil Rights Movement.

Underlining our present desperate need for the re-emergence of such a voice, locally and nationally, is the magnificent manner in which the daughters of a number of prominent African-American leaders came together recently in Harlem to establish the Quibblin' Shabbaz Defense and Support Fund.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a similar informal national association of African-American organizational leaders existed presently and could map an appropriate agenda and strategy to respond to what Jesse Jackson has dubbed "the growing mean-spirited climate in the United States?"

Just imagine the immense potential moral, force and political strength of a group of leaders representing those of the above organizations which may still be viable, as well as latter day groups like the National Rainbow Coalition and the Nation of Islam.

Surely, such a national coalition would make something to say about the shameful treatment of Surgeon General nominee Dr. Henry W. Foster, Jr. by congressional Republicans. Such a voice seems woefully and tragically lacking in a national public dialogue which might effectively combat the social repression of the legislative program of House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his colleagues. And it could certainly convey a strong message to President Clinton that help the brakes on the rightward slide of the Democratic Party.

While we're dreaming, might the results prove equally satisfying if such an organization set the example for a similar effort in New Jersey? Is there any doubt about the potential clout of a state-wide advocacy group composed of (but not limited to) top leaders of the following groups: New Jersey Black Issues Convention, Coalition of 100 Black Women of New Jersey, Garden State Bar Association, Legislative Black Caucus, NAACP State Conference, Nation of Islam, New Jersey State Council of Urban Leagues, 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs?

Doesn't the current local need seem obvious for a statewide unified black voice to replace the present seemingly disjointed hit-or-miss response of black leadership to critical current events? Do not some of Governor Whitman's budget-cutting mea-

sures of the past year reflect, in misperception, the same sort of benign neglect and indifference toward minority issues as that of Whitman's Republican colleagues in Washington?

A quick take for those who doubt the existence of such a critical need in the Garden State is offered in the following current events quiz:

1) Is a double standard readily apparent in the relatively benign establishment reaction to Rutgers President Francis Lawrence's racist comment as compared to the widespread condemnation last year of Keeneland President Elsa Gomez? Dr. Gomez, who is Hispanic, was ultimately forced to resign for failing to denounce the hate-speech of a Nation of Islam minister who spoke at Keeneland.

2) Has Governor Whitman suc-

ceeded so far in neatly straddling the Lawrence issue and seeming to ponder to both sides in this racially explosive matter?

3) Given George Marlin's documented opposition to Affirmative Action and other minority-friendly corporate sector programs, should there not be some public response from the African-American community to Marlin's recent confirmation, with Governor Whitman's blessing, as executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey?

4) Given Governor Whitman's recent frivolous campaign pledge payoff to radio talk show host Howard Stern in naming a highway rest stop in his honor, isn't the insultingly late in keeping a far more serious pledge to African-American employees to "level the playing field" at the New Jersey Highway Authority and New

Jersey Turnpike Authority? As we enter the second year of Whitman's term, there is still no African-American commissioner serving at either of these vital state agencies.

I submit that if our answers to the above questions are affirmative, the time is overdue for some brothers and sisters to begin signing down together on more than merely an ad hoc basis to discuss our future. Hopefully, we can then begin saying something along around for paper and pencils to do their work in school, board of

personally does them. And he will pull his mail and newspapers all over the dairy dining room table, much to my mother's distress.

But, when my mother was hospitalized when we were little and when she decided to complete her education in the field of dietetics, we were not orphaned or farmed out. Yes, Mr. Reeves on the second floor of our project building finally took pity on our hair because our two top braids were sticking out like devil's horns.

Just before eventually came all the way from Camden to help with the ironing and, if my father was not laid off, as he often was during those early years, Miss Becky Henderson's house in the building next door was our place to go after school, or to the Coppock's across the corner to practice our piano lessons.

But we were not orphaned. The village helped raise us, but my father wore the white lace apron and wasn't he a man?

Fathers: sharing the strength

by Sandra West

be taught, by a rip-roaring group of 30-something scotch and gin-fueled immigrants from the rural south, all of the backwoods dances and rhythm and blues songs of the 1940s that they could possibly remember.

That white laced apron was a sign of my father's manhood. He wore it as he cooked collard greens, white potatoes and corn bread meals for our after-school snacks. He wore it when he ironed our school clothes when my mother was in the hospital. My father rode at 5:30 a.m. to go to General Motors, and still couldn't sleep far beyond that time.

But he was, and continues to be, the official kitchen and bathroom floor mopper in the household. Floor mopping is not woman's work, he believes. My father wore a white laced apron, and wasn't he a man?

Oh, the family chuckles, but we get over it and move on because, to this very day, daddy will leave the dishes piled high to the ceiling unless

someone else does them. And he will pull his mail and newspapers all over the dairy dining room table, much to my mother's distress.

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EAST ORANGE—The YMCA will be offering free instructional swim lessons for youth 5-15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more info call 201-673-5588.

FEBRUARY 25, 26
SAYERSVILLE—Aldrin will be performed at Club Bena at 2 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
TRENTON—"Inner-City Stories From Africa to New Jersey" program will be at the New Jersey State Museum at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Call 609-626-7660.

TRENTON—Design your own African Jewelry at the New Jersey State Museum at 10 and 11:30 a.m. For more info call 609-626-7660.

TRENTON—Learn the history of African Textile Weaving at the New Jersey State Museum at 10 and 11:30 a.m. For more info call 609-626-7660.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
SCOTCH PLAINS—Youth can learn how to grow and care for plants. 4th Club will have first meeting at Union County Voc-Tech Schools at 4 p.m. For more information call 908-654-9854.

ELIZABETH—Boys & Girls Club accepting registration for "Toddler Arts & Crafts" classes for children aged 2-5 held at the Elmora Racquet Club. For more info or to register call 908-987-7776.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
SUMMIT—Cartooning II: animals class for children ages 8 to 9 will be held at 3:45 p.m. at The NJ Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-5121.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
ATTENTION—Deadline for applications are being accepted for the annual Little Miss NJ Pageant. Call 609-848-8666.

MARCH 2-4
MORRISTOWN—"Pipin" a musical, will be performed at Wilkie Hall in the Morristown-Bear School at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-639-3032.

Send Kids Kalendar events to P.O. Box 1774 Plainfield, NJ 07061

Weequahic High School marching band is off to Mardi Gras

NEWARK—Newark's Weequahic High School marching band received an invitation to perform in the Mardi Gras parades, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The band will perform in five competition activities scheduled for Thursday, February 23, through March 2, 1995.

Weequahic High School students will meet with other students from across the United States and other countries around the world. The students will also have an opportunity to share and compare accomplishments, techniques and ideas.

The school's band director, Mr. Otis Brown, said, "This is a great opportunity for our students to receive a cultural and historical experience, as well as expose them to students from other regions and countries."

The Newark Board of Education agreed to assist with some of the students' expenses. In addition, the Weequahic students, staff and parents solicited donations from various Newark-based businesses and held

two exciting fund-raising activities to offset some of the cost.

Approximately five individuals from Weequahic's staff and five parents will chaperone the band students on the trip.

To order tickets for the events, souvenir journal ads or additional information, contact Otis Brown, at 201-705-3929. Please make checks or donations payable to: Weequahic High School Band, 279 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07112.

Afrocentric Kids debuts in City News



Writer Greg Morehead and creator Darnell Bradley

NEWARK—Bookworm & The Afrocentric Kids is the brainchild of Darnell Bradley, a native of Newark, NJ. The cartoon strip is about children of African descent from all over the world each with their own particular talents, skills, and fields of interest which they use to teach each other about their country, culture and language. The Afrocentric Kids teaches little known facts on the accomplishments and contributions of all people of African descent to the world and world events in an educational and entertaining way. The hope and the goal of the comic strip is to encourage reading and

learning among black youth and to foster a positive image and consciousness raising attitude.

Combined Artists Studios is a commercial arts company that specializes in producing Black/Afrocentric comics. The company principals are artist and writer Darnell Bradley, writer Greg Morehead, and Courtney Bradley. Combined Artists Studios current projects include production of comics and calendars on African gods and Afro-American superheroes.

For more information, please contact Darnell Bradley at 201-678-3109.

Technology will link Rahway students to the world

TRENTON—Rahway students will be linked to the world by new technology provided through an educational grant awarded by Bell Atlantic and the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA).

The award is part of Bell Atlantic's Opportunity New Jersey School Grants Competition. It is one of 11 grants totaling more than \$86,000 being given by Bell Atlantic and NJASA to public and private schools throughout New Jersey.

Under a program designed by local school officials, computers in Rahway Intermediate School programs will be electronically linked to several educational information services and to the Internet, the worldwide network of networks with more than two million users.

These hook-ups will be used by students in three school programs. Bilingual students in Rahway's Dual Language Center will communicate with schools in California and other parts of New Jersey. They will be able to chat electronically in English or in their native language.

Students taking part in the Rahway Institute of Developmental Environmental Studies, which focuses on ecological studies, will conduct problem-solving activities with scientists through the Newton online service. They also will conduct

field research on plants and animals with scientists who are on an expedition in Africa.

Students interested in TV production, newspaper publishing, and film-making will be able to do joint projects with students in other parts of the country and use the information resources of the Internet. Students will create multimedia projects and electronic portfolios that will be saved on computer disk and videotape.

Administrators will be evaluating the project to see how telecommunications technology makes learning easier and how it changes the way teachers and other individuals work.

"These hands-on telecommunications projects will help to make a

difference in how well our children think and learn and will serve as an example of what a classroom of the next century will be like," said Al Koeppel, president and CEO of Bell Atlantic-New Jersey.

"More than 250 applications were received from school districts throughout the state, and we are very pleased that the winning entries represent a cross section of the state's urban, suburban and rural schools," said Stuart Schnur, NJASA technology committee chairperson.

"We feel very strongly that having the latest technologies in the classroom is essential if we are to succeed in preparing students for the future," Schnur said.

1400 expected to attend annual African American Cultural Festival

LINDEN—More than 1,400 people are expected to attend the 3rd Annual African American Cultural Festival at Linden High School on February 25, 1995 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. This year's theme will be "Harambee-Let's Pull Together-Africans in the Diaspora."

According to Brenda Boyd, one of the organizers of the event, "For the past two years, the Festival has

seen tremendous growth and support from the community. Every year more and more people from different cultures come out to the High School to participate. This is an event for the entire family."

The Festival will begin at 11:00 a.m. with workshops covering various topics relevant to black Americans. When the workshops end at 1:00 p.m., projects by Linden's students, the African Market Place and the Food Court will be opened to the public. At 4:00 p.m., the public will then have the opportunity to listen to Mr. George Amerson, Jr., the keynote speaker, a noted multi-disciplined historian who will talk about "Africans of the Diaspora."

Other events include a fashion show featuring the work of Body Sculptor, David Perry and Miguel Navarro, accomplished African American and Caribbean designers and clothing modeled by Linden High School students, as well as numerous workshops for teens. A special guest appearance will be made by Anthony Wiggins, an internationally acclaimed dancer and a former Linden High School student.

The African American Cultural Festival is sponsored by Linden's

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This year, 1995, marks the seventh year for McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow essay competition. This national program honors outstanding African-American high school Juniors who demonstrate exceptional leadership, character, scholarship and community service.

McDonald's Restaurants of the Tri-State Area proudly salute these outstanding individuals from our community.

Mabel K. Staupers, R.N. a name you should know.

During Black History Month we salute Mabel Staupers a dedicated leader. She struggled to remove racial barriers and gain acceptance of African - American nurses in the American Nurse Association.

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BLACK HISTORY CALENDAR OF EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

NEWARK—A special display of books by Africans and about African in the Classroom will be on display NUT's Van Houten Library and book store. For more info call 201-596-3434.

NEWARK—Exhibit featuring the original works of James Ransome, award winning illustrator of children's books, will be at The Gallery at Essex County College. For gallery info call 201-877-3053.

ATLANTIC CITY—Black art exhibit at The Florence Valore Miller Art Center at Garden Pier. Exhibit hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 609-347-5844.

NEWARK—Exhibit of original art work by African American artist will be on display in NJIT's Hazel Center Gallery. For gallery hour call 201-596-3434.

BLACK HISTORY MINUTES—Three times a day for a minute, TBS will air segments recognizing the contributions African-Americans have made to this country and to the world. Check your local listings for channels.

NOW THRU MARCH 4
NEWARK—Sankofa exhibit to the Newark airport popular request. For more info on group bookings, speaking engagements by cast members, and theater screening time call Kabu Kari-Davies at 201-624-1584.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

NEWARK—Both Newark Week celebration begins at NJIT with a lecture by Dr. Pamela McCauley Bell, assistant professor at University of Central Florida, in Culmore Hall at 2:30 p.m. For more info call 201-596-3434.

WAYNE—Upluma Market with African and African-American vendors at the Student Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2518.

PLAINFIELD—To Kid A Mocking Bird will be shown at Union County College at 2:30 p.m. For more info call 908-412-3570.

WEST LONG BRANCH—Professor Jean Turner of William Paterson College will lecture on African Americans and the media in the College Center at Monmouth College at 2:30 p.m. For more info call 908-571-9588.

FEBRUARY 22 - 25

WAYNE—Two one act plays by African American playwrights at 8 p.m. at William Paterson College. For more info call 201-595-2335.

FEBRUARY 22, 23, AND 25

NEWARK—Art Together. Designs of Sub-Saharan Africa workshop will be at

the Newark Museum at 1-4 p.m. in the education lobby at 201-596-6550.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NEWARK—A discussion "Kente: Cloth of the Ancestral Kings, An Important Link Between African Americans and Africa" will be presented in the Newark Public Library's fourth floor auditorium at 11 a.m. For more info call 201-735-5643.

EAST ORANGE

Sankofa's writer and director Halle Germa discuss the film with East Orange High School students at 1:15 p.m. at City Hall. For more info call 201-266-1110.

NEWARK—Creative Spirit: Voices of the Past Speaking Today, arts workshop will be at the Newark Museum from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at 201-596-6550.

S C O T C H PLAINS - A

Place For Us: Brothers Mousset and Ali Trese will exhibit The Story of Reconnecting with the African Source: An Exhibit of the Patterson Public Library at William Paterson College's First on College.

Scott Professional will be shown at the Historic Jerseyland Park Community Center at 7 p.m. Performing will be the Scotch Plains-Farwood High School and the Plainfield Performing Arts Troupe. For more info call 908-561-2596.

ELIZABETH—Come enjoy a cultural celebration with ethical foods, poetry and displays at the Bridgeway House. For more info call 908-355-7200.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

NEWARK—NJIT will present a Bob Marley finale at the Hazel Center Gallery including food, music, vendors and a guest speaker from 6 to 9 p.m. For more info call 201-596-3434.

CRANFORD—Union County College will be showing Malcolm X in the Roy W. Smith Theater from 4 to 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7092.

MONTCLAIR—Collecting African-American Art panel discussion at the Montclair Art Museum at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-746-5565.

OCEAN COUNTY—Dance Mosaic

program featuring Return To The Source will be at Ocean County College at 8 p.m. For more info contact Phyllis Woodard at 908-255-0493 or 908-255-0493.

WAYNE—A Night for Family and Friends at 7 p.m. in the Shea Auditorium at William Paterson College. For more info call 201-595-2518.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BLOOMFIELD—Children's Ready-To-Go Fashion Show and Kwanzaa East program from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Deacon's Den at Bloomfield College. For more info call 201-748-9000.

NEWARK—Bruce Cannon of the Hoosier for Children program will host a musical tour of "Harlem River Drive" at 2 p.m. in the Newark Public Library's centennial room.

NEWARK—Fashion show in honor of Black Heritage Month at UMDNJ at 5 p.m. For more info call 201-875-5013.

PATERSON—Dance performance with Sista 2 Sista and KOT School of Performing Arts at the Paterston Public Library's Assembly Room at 2 p.m.

NEWARK—Discussion at noon at UMDNJ on traditional African herbal healing and displays at the Bridgeway House. For more info call 908-355-7200.

PLAINFIELD—Looking Back, Moving Forward a part of the Largest History Lecture Series will be at the Plainfield Public Library at 1:30 p.m. For more info call 908-757-1111.

NEWARK—A semi-annual dinner, featuring a cultural mix of foods and music, will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Great Hall at UMDNJ.

WAYNE—Reconnecting with the African Source: An Exhibition of Paintings and Sculptures display at William Paterson College's Student Center Art Gallery Lounge. For more info call 201-595-3103.

NEWARK—Kimoko's Blues People, an evening of poetry and jazz at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-242-1340.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

National Geographic Explorer "Blues Highway" travels through time to tell the story of the evolution of the blues will air on TBS at 9:35 p.m. Check your local listings for channel.

WAYNE—Unity/Schools Breakfast and lecture by Dr. Henry Gardner, assistant VP for minority education in the Student Center Ballroom at William Paterson College from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 201-595-2518.

MONTCLAIR—J. Nat Love: The Story of Deadwood Dick, a story of a Tennessee slave who went on to become a cowboy at 1:30 p.m. at the Montclair Art Museum. For more info call 201-746-5555.

NEWARK—Curator's Gallery Talk: Ethnology Curator Anne Spencer on Paramount Chiefs of Sierra Leone at 1:30 p.m. at the Newark Museum. For more info call 201-596-6550.

NEWARK—Black history month concert "May Their Spirits Continue to Guide Us" at the Newark Museum at 3 p.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NEWARK—NJIT will host a closing ceremony for Black History Month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hazel Center Ballroom. For more info call 201-596-3434.

WEST LONG BRANCH—Rise of Black Conservatives: What Does It Mean For Civil Rights? lecture at 7 p.m. in Monmouth College's College Center. For more info call 201-571-3586.

WAYNE—William Paterson College is hosting a Black Knowledge contest in the Student Center, 203 from 5 to 6 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2518.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Black West, narrated by Danny Glover, reveals the history of black Americans during this country's western expansion, will air on TBS at 8:05 p.m. Check your local listing for channel.

ISERSEY CITY—Harlem Celebration, an evening of jazz and poetry at JCSC's Student Union Building at 6 p.m. For more info call 201-600-3455.

OCEAN COUNTY—African-American Heritage Exhibit will be at Ocean County College at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-505-0463.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

NEWARK—A documentary based on the life of Fannie Lou Hamer, "I Question

America" will be at the Newark Public Library at 2 p.m. For more info call 201-733-5643.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

The Harnessed African Dance Program at the Paterson Public Library's Assembly Room at 2 p.m.

FAMOUS BLACK BIRTHDAYS & FIRST EVENTS

FEBRUARY 23

William E. DuBois Founder of the NAACP and scholar was born in 1868, died in 1963.

Horace Pippin, WWI veteran and self-taught highly acclaimed artist, born 1888.

Julius "Dr. J." Erving, star basketball player, born in 1935.

Coner J. Cottrell, president of Procter & Gamble for Bishop College in a bankruptcy auction, which resulted in the relocation of Paul Quinn College in Wake to the Bishop site in 1920.

FEBRUARY 24

Quincy Jones, wins five Grammys for The Dude, including producer of the year in 1962.

Daniel A. Payne, educator, clergyman, bishop, historian of the AME church and first African American to become a college president, born 1842.

Willie Davis and **Jell Glady**, the first African Americans to represent the US in the Winter Olympics in 1980.

Adrienne Mitchell becomes first African-American woman to die in combat in the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

FEBRUARY 25, 1964

Muhammad Ali wins first heavyweight championship against Sonny Liston.

FEBRUARY 26, 1964

Felice de Fleur, by Palmer Hayden is part of the collection of African-American art displayed at the Museum of African-American Art in Los Angeles. Photo by Armando Solis. Reprinted from 1 Top Sing America.

FEBRUARY 26

Fats Domino, legendary R&B pianist, was born 1928.

Andrew Brimmer becomes first African American governor of the Federal Reserve Bank in 1966.

Debbi Thomas first African American to bronze medal in Olympics' Winter Games, 1988.

FEBRUARY 27

Charlotte Ray, first African-American woman lawyer in the U.S. graduates from Howard University in 1872.

Marian Anderson, first modern African American to win international renown as an opera singer, born in 1902.

Charlyne Hunter, one of the first students to integrate the University of Georgia, born in 1942.

FEBRUARY 28

The Content of Our Character, controversial book on affirmative action and race relations by Shelby Steele, wins the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1991.

FEBRUARY 29

Augusta Savage, sculptor, teacher and one of the most influential forces among Harlem Renaissance artists, born 1892.

Hattie McDaniel first African American to win an Oscar, for her role in Gone With the Wind in 1940.

The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, convened by President Lyndon B. Johnson after riots occur in major US cities, issues a report in 1968 in which the Kerner Commission concluded that white racism is one of the fundamental causes of riots in the US.

Foster parents needed

NEWARK—The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) is seeking individuals or couples to care for babies through its volunteer care program.

DYFS needs specially trained foster parents to care for infants who are medically clear to leave the hospital nurseries or pediatric wards, but cannot go home to their parents or family.

Training is provided for those who qualify to become foster parents. DYFS provides a monthly board rate. Clothing allowance, medical coverage and other supports to the foster parents.

For additional information please call the DYFS Essex County Office at 201-648-7770.

Division of Senior Services relocates

EAST ORANGE—The Division of Senior Citizen Services has moved to 280 South Harrison Street, East Orange.

All phone numbers will remain the same 266-8832. All business pertaining to Senior Citizen Services will be handled out of the new location.

Honor someone in name of the American Heart Association

MILLBURN—Honor someone close to you through the American Heart Association's Tribute Program. Through the program contributors can make a donation given in memory of or for a special occasion. After your donation is made, an acknowledgment is then sent to the appropriate person(s) stating that your contribution was made in honor of that person or organization. To make a contribution please call 1-202-576-6366 or call information and contribution to American Heart Association Regional Office One Bleeker Street, Millburn, NJ 07041.

The Rewards of Knowing Now Starts Here!



Photo courtesy of Beth Israel Medical Center

Diane Demby of North Plainfield, an employee in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center's Catheterization Laboratory, learns how to properly extinguish a controlled blaze with a fire extinguisher under the supervision of Newark firefighter Bill Quitt, while other hospital workers look on. The exercise was part of a series of seminars during which medical center employees received fire safety and prevention tips. The course was offered by the Newark Fire Department and the medical center's Department of Security.

Fund-raiser scheduled for Diabetes Center

PLAINFIELD—The Evening at the Improv, a fund-raiser to benefit the Diabetes Center of New Jersey, will be held on Saturday, February 25, 1995, at 7 p.m. at the Somerset Marriott Hotel, Somerset, N.J.

The evening will be filled with fabulous prizes to be offered at both live and silent auctions. Prizes include: two tickets for opening day at the U.S. Open, an overnight stay in the Presidential Suite at the Somerset Marriott, including dinner at Sonya's and a champagne breakfast for two; a balloon ride for two at the New

Jersey Balloon Festival; a fur jacket donated by Flemington Furs; a unisex mountain bike; tickets to Les Miserables and Miss Saigon; dinner for two at The Frog and the Peach, New Brunswick and many more.

In addition a pair of boxing gloves, autographed by George Forman at the weigh-in prior to the match that earned him the heavyweight title, will be auctioned.

For more information or tickets, please contact the Muhlenberg Foundation at 908-668-2025.

Heart patients celebrate Valentine's Day with reunion

NEWARK—Valentine's Day symbolizes love and romance for most, but for pediatric heart patients at United Hospitals Medical Center, it symbolizes life. Clowns, food, fun and games were in abundance at the 15th annual Children's Hospital of New Jersey Valentine's Reunion party on Sunday, February 12.

The party, sponsored by the Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery de-

partment was given for children who have undergone heart surgeries. "It's not just about partying," said Mary LeBoue, RN, clinician coordinator in the Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery department. "The children are celebrating life and that is nice to see."

Over 150 children attended the Reunion party and toys, candy and food were donated by Toys 'R Us and Hershey and Marriott Hotel.

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WEDNESDAYS

NEW YORK—Amateur Night at the Apollo at 7:30 p.m. featuring "Sisip-Tup-It To The Mic" audience participation, special guest hosts and ticket giveaways. For more info call 212-664-0372.

THURSDAYS

MOONSHIN TOWN—Visit the Star Trek: Federation Science at the Morris Museum. For more info call 201-538-0454.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
NEWARK—Evening Coffee House, featuring the vocals of Bradford Hayes from 5 to 7 p.m. on the Second Level Forum of Essex County College.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
MONTCLAIR—10th Season of American Independent Film Festival Series with Clerks at the Glendale Triple Cinema at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-746-5555.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
SAVERVILLE—Warrior Soul, Collision and Mayday at Club Bene at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
NEWARK—Universal M/D Clash sponsored by Universal Zulu nation at the Gateway Hotel at 9:30 p.m. featuring special invited guests. For more info call 201-375-1487 or 908-807-8902.

SAVERVILLE—El DeBarge will perform at Club Bene at 9 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 26
SUMMIT—"A Hercules and Heracles: From Myth to Reality" exhibit opens in the Palmer Gallery. For more info call 908-273-9121.

ELIZABETH—"The Show-Off" a play by George Kelly Friday and Saturdays at The Elizabeth Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-355-0077.

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ARTZ WEDNESDAY

Sylvia Waters celebrates 20 years with the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble

NEW YORK—Sylvia Waters marks her twentieth anniversary this year as artistic director of the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble. Alvin Ailey personally asked Waters to take over his "second company" in 1975, when she was a principle dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The Ensemble has since grown into one of the most critically acclaimed young dance troupes in the country.

"My twenty years with the Ensemble have been wonderful," says Waters. "It's been a long road and now we're stronger than ever. I'm ready for twenty more."

In keeping with its commitment to

bringing its unique style of dance into every community, the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble begins its Fourth Annual New York Season Thursday, March 30th at the Marion Anderson Theater, located in Aaron Davis Hall at City College in Harlem. Highlights of this season's repertoire include two company premieres: Elmo Pomare's *Plagued* and Kathy Posin's *The Rain Forest*.

In addition, the Ensemble will also perform a number of ballets from previous seasons: a revival of Alvin Ailey's *Streams*, a 1970 ballet featuring Miloslaw Kabelac's *Eight Inventions*. Op. 45; Elmo Pomare's stirring *Art*; Smith and Shapiro's electrifying *To*

Have and To Hold and the new favorite *Three Dances with Army Blankets*; as well as the Alvin Ailey classics *Isma* and *Escapades*, which was premiered in the U.S. by the Ensemble last year.

Performances will be held on Thursday, March 30, and Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through the Aaron Davis Hall box office, located on the campus of City College, West 135th Street and Convent Avenue in Manhattan, 212-650-7100 or Ticket Master outlets and Charge-by-Phone, 212-307-7171.

The O'Jays get set to perform at Club Bene



SAVERVILLE—The O'Jays will be performing in concert at Club Bene Dinner Theatre, located on Rt. 35 in Sayerville, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 15 and 16. On both days the O'Jays will perform one show at 9:00 p.m. with an optional dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 908-727-3000.

Cameo, Teena Marie & The Gap Band to bring classic funk to Westbury Music Fair



WESTBURY NY—Funky, fresh and bristling with aly, wry humor, **CAMEO** will appear at Westbury Music Fair on Wednesday, March 8 at 8 p.m. with Teena Marie and The Gap Band. Tickets are available at Westbury Music Fair's box office and at all Ticketmaster ticket centers. For further information, or to charge tickets on call (516) 334-0800.

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Gala Concert at Lincoln Center

NEW YORK—One of the highlights of the 1994-95 *Great Performers* series at Lincoln Center is a benefit concert featuring soprano Kathleen Battle and baritone Thomas Hampson, two internationally renowned American artists singing favorites from the worlds of opera and musical theater Wednesday, March 1, at 8 p.m. in Avery Fisher Hall. Joining Ms. Battle and Mr. Hampson in their first joint concert appearance in New York will be the Orchestra of St. Luke's conducted by John Nelson.

The complete benefit evening,

entitled *From Mozart to Bernstein: An Evening with Kathleen Battle and Thomas Hampson* includes a black-tie dinner and prime seating for the gala concert. The benefit will raise funds for the 300 performances presented by Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. This concert will be telecast on public television stations across the country on *Live From Lincoln Center* and simulcast locally on WQXR-FM/96.3.

The gala benefit evening begins with an elegant dinner at 6 p.m. on Avery Fisher Hall's Grand Promenade

honoring the 1995 Lincoln Center Laureate Award winners philanthropists Richard L. Gelb and Frederick P. Rose,

both generous supporters of the arts. Chairing the benefit are Mrs. Paul Soros and Mr. Roy Furman.

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Kathleen Battle and Thomas Hampson Photos by Christian Steiner

Lords of the Underground are keeping up with the funk



Lords of the Underground Photo by Stephen Apicello-Hitchcock

NEW YORK—Pendulum Records' rap trio Lords of the Underground are defining the words "kickin' it live the 9-5." Coming back from their debut gold album *Here Come The Lords*, which garnered three #1 singles: *Chief Rocka*, *Funky Child* and *Here Come The Lords*. Lords Of The Underground land a sonic boom with their sophomore LP *Keepers of the Funk*.

This time around they lead it off with the single *Tic Toc* which reaffirms their talent as it climbs the charts and smokes radio airwaves nationwide. Hit singles from *The Funk* are not the only creations from

Lords of the Underground that will be coming across the airwaves in '95. Doitall, Mr. Funkkee and DJ Lord Jazz also have a cut on the upcoming Tommy Boy soundtrack for the new Spike Lee film, *New Jersey Drive*. On this soundtrack, the "Lords" share the wax with other rap greats such as Heavy D., Organized Konfusion, Naughty By Nature, Queen Latifah, Black Moon & Smif & Wessun, Coolio and Jeru the Damaja. Lords Of The Underground also "share their fair" with Dr. Dre & Ed Lover on the cut *East Coast Sound* on their *Back Up Off Me LP* on Relativity Records.

Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

PLAINFIELD—Black Business Association of Plainfield meeting at the Mohawk Lodge at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-651-5996.

TRENTON—Opening Reception of NJ Office of The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors at the State House at 4 p.m. For more info call 609-653-8656.

FEBRUARY 22 THRU MARCH 8

MONTCLAIR—Homebrewers Education Course 5-part series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Urban League of Essex County's North Essex Office. For more info call 201-746-7725.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NEWARK—Regional Business Partnership's "International Business over breakfast: Foreign sales corporations (FSCs)—Tax saving Havens" affair at the Newark Club from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more info call Eric Viscusi 201-942-6237, ext. 223.

FEBRUARY 25 THRU MARCH 4

NEW YORK—A Time Management Workshop (section 1) will be offered at NYU School of Continuing Education from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Sec. 2 will be offered April 2-9). For more info call 212-998-7090.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MAHWAH—"Six Conditions Required to Implement Change" business forum at Ramapo College at 6 p.m. For more info call 201-529-7811.

ROSELAND

Regional Business Partnership's "Mix 'n' network" and business card exchanges at The Eagle Rock Club. For more info call Mike Barth at 201-942-6237, ext. 222.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

NEW YORK—Columbia School of Business presents Lessons in Leadership at the Jacob Javits Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more info call 800-872-3451.

MORRISTOWN

—Twin Management winter networking meeting. Men's work experience with women at the Madison Hotel from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. For more info call 908-756-3836.

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Black firm wins multimillion dollar contract

JACKSON, MISS.—Lextron Corp., an African-American-owned firm in Jackson, Miss., has been selected by BellSouth and AT&T Network Systems to manufacture telephone multistation protectors—devices that shield outside telephone terminal connections from lightning strikes and electrical surges. The five-year, multi-million dollar contract is the largest in Lextron's four-year history.

Lextron was chosen following several visits by BellSouth and AT&T Network Systems officials. Mike Baumgartner, sales vice president for AT&T Network Systems, said Lextron's plant facilities and engineering resources were critical factors in awarding the business to Lextron. He added, BellSouth and AT&T also selected Lextron based on the firm's potential to create jobs, stimulate economic value and enhance training opportunities.

"We currently have seven full-time employees," Lextron President Charles Doty said, "but this contract will enable us to employ as many as 27 full-time and part-time people, and we will double the size of our facility."

Lextron—an electronic component manufacturing and assembling company—is AT&T's manufacturer of choice for the protectors, which will be used by BellSouth's two operating companies, South Central Bell and Southern Bell, the six other regional Bell Holding Companies based throughout the United States and GTE. BellSouth will use the protectors for local residential and small business phone lines.

"This agreement is a positive opportunity for BellSouth, AT&T Network Systems, Lextron and the City of Jackson," said Kelly Allgood, president of South Central Bell's Specialty Operations. "BellSouth is assured of receiving quality-produced protectors for our customers in nine states from a proven minority vendor we already do business with."

Since 1993, the firm has manufactured electronic cable/wire harnesses used by BellSouth in the restoration and rehabilitation of aerial

and underground cable.

Under the contract, AT&T Network Systems will transfer a portion of the protector production equipment to its Omaha, Nebraska manufacturing facility to Lextron's Jackson plant. Lextron will begin producing and shipping protectors during the first quarter of 1995.

With Lextron, AT&T not only will have a manufacturer for the multistation protectors it furnishes to the local telephone companies, it also

will be supporting the Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) programs of both BellSouth and AT&T Network Systems.

The programs were developed to increase the amount of business the two large corporations do with firms owned by minorities and women, as a way of encouraging their growth.

"It's important that small companies get an opportunity, but it takes a willingness from an AT&T and a BellSouth to turn dreams into reality

for minority businesses such as ours," said Doty, a native Mississippi and Jackson State University graduate.

In 1994, BellSouth did approximately \$300 million of business with minority- or women-owned businesses, up from \$250 million in 1993. The corporation has set an objective to grant MWBE firms 10 percent of its total business by 1997.

Since 1990, AT&T Network Systems has done more than \$1 billion of business with thousands of MWBE

firms—\$388 million in 1993 alone. The company's MWBE purchases are currently increasing 22 percent year over year and if that trend continues, will hit \$1 billion annually by 1998.

AT&T Network Systems is one of the world's largest manufacturers and providers of network telecommunications equipment, offering communications service providers—such as BellSouth—virtually everything they need to build and operate their networks.

Keeping what's yours: Tips on saving money

NEW BRUNSWICK, "If you're like many Americans, you probably wonder where all of your money goes each month. You may have a modest savings account but it's nowhere near enough money to handle a major crisis such as extended disability or the loss of a job. Maybe you're overwhelmed by the challenge of saving for a major goal, like a comfortable retirement or a child's future college expenses. Don't give up.

Barbara O'Neill, a certified financial planner and an extension home economist with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Sussex County, has written a book that may help you move from discouraged saver to motivated, confident saver. *Saving on a Shoestring: How to Cut Expenses, Reduce Debt and Slash More Cash* contains a wealth of information for those who aren't (yet) wealthy.

O'Neill developed the book from more than a decade of writing and teaching non credit workshops on personal financial planning. She also counsels families struggling with financial challenges.

"I really believe that people who have a positive attitude and a small amount of money can accumulate large amounts of money over time," she said. "I've also seen what happens to families that have no savings."

O'Neill offers the following tips in the book:

Pay yourself first. Treat your

savings like any other important bill. For instance, your mortgage or car payments. Put a part of every paycheck into savings, even if it's only a few dollars.

Start a piggy bank. Put your loose change in a can jar. When it's full, deposit the money into a savings account. Better still, save a dollar a day, plus pocket change. This will result in about \$50 a month or \$600 a year in savings. Save \$2 a day plus pocket change, and you'll have \$1,000 at the end of the year.

Join a credit union. Credit

unions are a convenient way to save because deposits can be deducted from your paycheck. They also provide a relatively inexpensive source of funds when you need a loan.

Start a Christmas club. The interest earned is small, but for some people the reinforcement of the weekly club coupon book provides an incentive to save. The money can be used for any purpose.

"Crash" save. Set a short-term goal, like the purchase of a microwave oven, then reduce spending as much as possible until the goal is

reached.

Save "extra" paychecks. Employees paid biweekly will receive three paychecks a month, instead of two, for two months of the year. Employees paid weekly will receive five paychecks, instead of four, for four months of the year. Anticipate those months with "extra" paychecks and put all or part of the money into savings.

Reinvest dividends and capital gains. When you purchase investment products (such as mutual funds), arrange to have earnings reinvested rather than taking the cash and spending it. Over the long term, these distributions, plus the earnings on them, can grow into a sizable sum.

Take advantage of your employer. Sign up for your employer's supplemental retirement savings plan. Contributions are made with before-tax dollars and the amount deposited and its earnings are tax-deferred until withdrawal.

Break costly habits. Look closely at your personal spending patterns. Chances are there are expenses that could be reduced to free up money for savings. Some examples include subscriptions, cigarettes and meals eaten at restaurants. For example, buying a \$5 lunch each weekday costs \$1,500 a year. Bring a brown bag lunch just two days a week and save \$1,000 at the end of the year.

Reducing the negative effects of rising rates

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—In today's rising interest rate environment, it's important for bond mutual fund shareholders to recognize that the value of their investment fluctuates.

"Bond prices tend to move in the opposite direction of interest rates. If rates go up, bond prices go down. If rates fall, bond prices usually rise," said Bryan Baker, senior vice president of Wheat First Butcher Singer, a Philadelphia-based financial firm. "No matter how gradually rates rise, the result should be a reduce in bond prices. The good side, however, is that higher yields should then be available, making it possible for fixed income funds to raise dividends at some point in the future."

For those bond fund investors who are worried about the direction of interest rates, there are a number of strategies that can be used to diversify funds and help reduce the negative effects of rising rates. According to Baker, investors should consider these options:

Reduce Maturity: Shorter maturities tend to be less volatile as interest rates change. So you may want to consider transferring assets into a short-term or intermediate-term bond fund. However, shorter maturity bonds normally offer lower levels of income.

Corporate Bonds: Fast growing economy usually translates into increasing earnings for companies, and leads to improved credit ratings on their bonds. As a result, corporate bond prices tend to be less sensitive to interest rate changes. Different types of corporate bonds include high-grade corporates and utility bonds, as well as high yield bonds. With regard

to high yield bonds, keep in mind that they are lower grade obligations and present greater risk to principal and interest than higher grade bonds.

Dollar Cost Averaging: This simply means investing the same amount at regular intervals over a

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Business Alliance seeking nominations

TRENTON—The Business and Rehabilitation Alliance and United Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey (UCPANN) are seeking nominations for the 1995 New Jersey Ten Employer Awards.

The Awards will honor large and small, public and private businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions toward increasing opportunities for people with disabilities in the past year.

Nomination criteria include active payroll employment of a disabled individual or individuals for at least one year; active recruitment and promotion of people with disabilities; a demonstrated willingness to make job-site modifications; and a willingness by the company to share its knowledge and experience with other companies and disability organizations.

Nominations must be received no later than March 31, and winners will be announced at the Business and Rehabilitation Alliance Top Ten Employer Breakfast in May. To obtain a nomination form, contact Sharon Kaplan, at 609-392-4004, extension 518 or 595.

NJAWBO to host Business Expo

MONTCLAIR—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) will host a Business Expo on Tuesday, March 21 at the Eagle Rock Club in Roseland, New Jersey. The Expo is a joint effort between NJAWBO chapters in Essex, Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Hudson, and Sussex/Warren.

The theme of the event is "Making Connections: Showcase Your Business and Build Your Network," and is open to members and non-members.

Exhibit space is available for members and non-members. The deadline for exhibit reservation is March 10.

For reservations and cost of exhibit space please call Elsa Reinhardt at 201-942-1111.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BID
The Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for:
Painting of Occupied Apartments
The Bid Opening will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 1995, in the Conference Room of the Housing Authority, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, at 100 West Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 1995 in the Conference Room of the Housing Authority, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, at 100 West Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.
Bidding documents, including specifications, may be obtained at the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth, Purchasing Department, 688 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 is required to pick up the plans and specifications.
All bids must be returned in triplicate to a sealed envelope properly marked and addressed to the attention of Joseph A. Manfredi, Executive Director.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days without written consent of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to make any alterations in the bidding process.

JOSEPH A. MANFREDI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FEE: \$35.00
2/22/95

LEGAL NOTICE
Interested organizations also may require an application by telephone by calling (201) 491-7371.
The closing date for NEW JERSEY TRANSIT to accept applications is March 3, 1995.
2/22/95 FEE: \$71.50

INVITATION TO BID
The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson will receive sealed bids on Monday, March 6, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at 100 West Street, Paterson, New Jersey for the following items as outlined in the Technical Specifications:
Full Elevator Maintenance

Repair Service at Senior Sites
NJ-21-10, Gordon Center Homes

Bidders are to submit bids in a sealed envelope marked with the job title as appears in this advertisement written on both an envelope containing the bid and on an outer envelope. All Bidders are hereby notified that they must comply with all applicable Federal, State and Municipal Laws, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, those pertaining to Alternative Action, Equal Opportunity, Ownership, Discrimination, and Security.

Specifications covering the above requirements may be obtained at the office of the Authority during office hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson.

A bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the total bid. At the option of the bidder, the guaranty may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government bond or current date market value or a bid bond secured by guaranty assurance company. Performance and completion bond will be required of the successful bidder.

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JOSEPH A. MANFREDI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FEE: \$55.00
2/22/95

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JOSEPH A. MANFREDI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FEE: \$100.20
2/22/95

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As indicated below, failure to attend the Bidders' Conference will disqualify bidders from participating in the bidding process. Those who attended the Conference must submit a completed bid form and the below listed contract to the number at least five working days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

Address: 3151 Princeton Pike, Suite 200, Trenton, NJ 08611
Contact: Joseph A. Manfredi, Executive Director
FEE: \$37.00
2/22/95

INVITATION FOR BID
The Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for:
Machineries Moving and Relocation Services

The Bid Opening will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 1995, in the Conference Room of the Housing Authority, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, at 100 West Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 1995 in the Conference Room of the Housing Authority, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, at 100 West Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.
Bidding documents, including specifications, may be obtained at the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth, Purchasing Department, 688 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. A non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 is required to pick up the plans and specifications.

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JOSEPH A. MANFREDI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FEE: \$22.00
2/22/95

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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2/22/95

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FEE: \$70.00
2/22/95

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is requesting proposals for Private Security Services at the Administration Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Hoffman Pavilion.

The Proposals will be open at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 1995 in the Conference room at the Administration Office, 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901. (No Late Proposals Will Be Accepted).

Interested firms may obtain the Specification at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 by calling Mr. David Williams, Jr. Executive Director at (908) 745-5141.

The selected contractor must enter into written agreement with the New Brunswick Police Department to be in compliance with all applicable local and federal regulations.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FEE: \$45.00
2/22/95

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Contact: Joseph A. Manfredi, Executive Director
FEE: \$37.00
2/22/95

INVITATION TO BID
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT administers the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 16 Program in the State of New Jersey. The goal of the Section 16 program is to provide capital assistance in meeting the transportation needs of the State and its residents. The following transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or non-existent:

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT is now accepting applications from private nonprofit organizations who wish to apply for a grant to transport senior citizens disabled residents within their community under this grant program. The interest of NEW JERSEY TRANSIT to submit a statewide grant program to the Federal Government in the late spring of this year.

If an applicant is selected for inclusion in a grant administration FTA approves the statement and the grantee's eligibility will enter into a not less than a year agreement with NJ TRANSIT. The approved organization will receive a letter of intent to receive an application for a grant program by writing to the purchasing department by NJ TRANSIT for the purpose described in the application.

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Reducing negative effects

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period of time. When share prices are declining, you accumulate more shares. When share prices are rising, you accumulate fewer shares. This allows an investor to buy more when the price is more attractive, thereby reducing the average cost per share. You can easily dollar cost average by setting up an automatic investment plan through your financial representative. Of course, a program of regular investment cannot assure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market. Since this strategy involves continuing contributions regardless of fluctuating share values, investors should consider their financial ability to continue the program through periods of low price levels.

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As I See It...

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education members are trying with their newest gadgets: laptop computers with a fax modem, given them courtesy of the school district at a total cost of \$25,000.

On top of all this let's not forget most of them were also gifted with new cars although it was reliably reported one of them had no idea how to drive the thing and did not have a valid driver's license.

Kim Caddy has announced she will not be a candidate for re-election. She allegedly has her eyes on a bigger political prize.

Newark Teachers Union (NTU) president Carole Graves is having difficulty of another sort.

A dissident union group calling itself Teachers About Change (TAC) was recently formed to demand the union president choose between her full time elected position as Essex County Register and NTU proxy, charging that holding the dual positions constitutes a conflict of interest.

Black law students speak out

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"open forum" on February 3, members of ABLS listened attentively and weighed the credibility of one of the most important witnesses in the history of Rutgers University: Dr. Francis Lawrence. After careful consideration, we have determined that he has little or no credibility."

Agreeing with her colleagues, Nicol Davis, says that continued protest is the students only alternative, "...I believe it was John F. Kennedy who said 'those who make peaceful

revolution impossible, make violent revolution inevitable.' By refusing to step down, President Lawrence has refused to acknowledge our peaceful revolution, and if the Board of Governors' also refuses to act, the students of the university will be left with only one alternative—continued social protest that will effect the day-to-day activities of the university," stated Davis.

The Association of Black Law Students believes that the Board of

Sharing the strength

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Willie A. West did not work under a halo. He went through a phase when I had to carry the telephone number of Charlie Long's Bar in my pocketbook.

What makes that white faced apron such a solid part of my childhood memory is that it was a symbol of parental warmth. A gold seal of assurance. I was assured someone was home when school was over because my parents sat down and thought it out.

One parent was home at all times. They assigned their work hours around our school hours. It was assured that there would be food at all times. They bought it, cooked it and served it to us.

I know they practiced what they preached because not only did they take us to church and Sunday school, but they both taught Sunday school, and my mom was not only a leader of our girl scout troupe, but took me with her to Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings at the high school.

I knew that family was special because every Sunday, without fail, my father drove us to Aunt Helen's house to visit with the New York uncles and cousins. Every Thanksgiving was at Aunt Helen's Harlem tenement. And every Christmas was

at our house in Jersey whether we lived in the little GI (Government issue) house in the old black ward on Boyd Street, the project apartment in the Italian North Ward, or our own home in the South Ward of Newark.

In 1959 he started a Block Association. One of our neighbors, a young boy who wasn't exactly a star pupil at the local high school, wanted to go to college and finally got a college to accept him with his borderline average. Daddy raised funds from the neighbors to send him to school.

Now, that young man is a high school teacher at Orange High, an athletic coach, husband, mentor to one of his brothers, and part-time college instructor in the City of Newark.

If he taught me nothing else, and he taught me a lot, consciously and unconsciously, he showed me that long pants are not a birthright; you earn the wearing of them. You earn them when you take the responsibility of burying your father when, unfortunately, your brothers and sisters refuse to.

You earn them by bringing your ailing mother from North Carolina to Newark to stay with you so you can watch her and take her to good doctors even though you have neither extra space nor extra money. You just do it because you know that if you advance one good step the other steps will

follow.

You earn your long pants when you take your kids out to picnics in the park every single summer evening for dinner—when you get laid off, again, from your job—so they will have fun, good childhood memories and won't notice how economically strapped the family actually is.

You earn your long pants by honoring your wife's dedication to her self and her career by cleaning household as work you will do consistently.

You earn your long pants by practicing the principles of Nguno Saba, way before there was ever a Kwanzaa. You earn your long pants by cutting your lawn, planting trees, cultivating a garden, and leaving the neighborhood more beautiful than when you

inherited it.

The men of the 1900s can learn a lesson or two from the Willie Wests of the world. Home is not a woman's place. It is the family's place, and every member of the family works in it and for it.

Home is the family's castle. Children are not to be made in the heat of an unprotected moment and left up to the state to care for. Children are to be nurtured, even if you have little money to nurture them with.

A man's strength, especially a father's, should not be gauged by the impact of his hand across his wife's or children's faces as he vents his frustrated anger at the day. That is not strength; that is the absence of strength. A strong man wears a white faced apron.

New Congress

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the meeting.

Out of 1,000 attendees, the 20 selected to speak talked for three minutes each, on cuts that ran the gamut from welfare to House and Senate salaries, from the NEA to military spending.

A panel of 8 Republicans and 1 Democrat, chaired by Rep. Josh Kaspich questioned each speaker. Each speaker was thanked and praised for coming and for his or her input. One minute comments were taken from ten more people in the audience. A man who was not called on tried to speak and he was roughly carried away by about ten policemen.

In my opinion, the meeting had no merit or meaning. The Congress members did not listen to anyone and nobody learned anything new.

The audience radiated anger and rage. Most were Republicans who were less generous, less on or taxes and less or no welfare. Several groups were bused in to attend the meeting. A student from Drew University told me she is tolerant of homosexuality as long as they don't "push it in your face." A conservative young man from "Hands Across America" a New Jersey end all taxes lobbying group called me "a bleeding heart liberal," a black man told the committee members "we can't relate to you, you can't relate to us." Someone behind me yelled out that he was "sick and tired of socialist tyranny."

No one even suggested that the role of government was to advantage the disadvantaged, to extend the pursuit of happiness to the poor, the sick or the elderly. Everyone was self-centered, interested in his own pocketbook and his own needs.

The consensus was—get government out of my pocket. I can take care of myself. No one seemed to worry about those people who cannot take care of themselves and/or need some direction. Perhaps these people and their advocates were unable to get to the VFW Post in Manville, New Jersey. Perhaps these people don't surf the Internet or read the New York Times.

Or perhaps the most compassionate citizens were turned away by the initial admonition that this was a hearing where only one side of the issue would be allowed.

So much for democracy as well as compassion. How do they expect to put forward a budget which reflects the needs and concerns of the body politic and body economic when they put such constraint, censorship in fact, on their knowledge?

JOEL BRESKIN
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Grant and Harris

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Elizabeth in July 1992 and, in October of that year, accepted \$13,000 in bribes destined for the city's zoning board of adjustment to add K&K in exchange for a variance on property for its proposed towing yard.

Stephen also alleged that Grant's, lawyer received bribe money. "K&K also paid for Grant to fly to Florida, and put him up in a hotel so he could meet with company representatives," the prosecutor said.

The defense argument delivered by Ashley stated that Harris was in his first term as a councilman at the time of the alleged offenses and is the youngest member ever elected to the Newark council.

"Because of the youth and inexperience of Harris, it would be absurd to think he held any sway over the city administration, the mayor or

other council members, particularly when it came to steering contracts," Ashley said.

He rejected Stephen's claim that Harris accepted the \$12,000 to use as a down payment on a house, saying the deposit was actually made the day before the alleged exchange of money.

According to Ashley the three towing companies that had been operating in Newark were "crooks," and questioned their motives in the process. He defended Harris for seeking to replace the towing contractors because they were "ripping off" the city.

Ashley asked the jury not to punish Harris merely because he is a politician in an era when politicians may not enjoy overwhelming public support. He also petitioned the panel not to regard every political donation as a bribe.

Governors is making a gross error in supporting Dr. Lawrence because by doing so, the Board shares the responsibility for all racial unrest on the campuses.

The students also believe that by backing Lawrence the Board also shares the responsibility for creating a climate of national discontent by supporting him.

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